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SUBJ: FONMIN LIEVANO'S REACTIONS TO HIS MEETING WITH THE SECY

1. BOGOTA'S EL TIEMPO REPORTED FORNMIN LIEVANO'S RETURN FROM THE US AND HIS AIRPORT REACTIONS TO DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON IN A BRIEF INTERIOR PAGE ARTICLE IN THE APR 16 EDITION. ACCOR-

DING TO EL TIEMPO, LIEVANO "CONSIDERED THE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER TO BE VERY FRUITFUL," AND FELT "THAT THIS CONTACT WILL OFFER CLEARLY FAVORABLE RESULTS IN THE FUTURE." LIEVANO SAID THAT HIS "CONFERENCE WITH THE SECY HAD NO DEFINITE AGENDA BUT THAT IT INVOLVED A GENERAL REVIEW OF HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS."

2. BOTTA'S EL ESPECTADOR OF APR 16 CARRIED A SMALL FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WITH CONTINUATION ON AN INTERIOR PAGE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ARRIVAL PHOTO. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED LIEVANO AS STATING THAT THE FRUITS OF HIS VERY PRODUCTIVE CONFERENCE WITH SECY KISSINGER WOULD BE SEEN VERY QUICKLY. "AS YOU KNOW", SAID LIEVANO, "THE CONFERENCE WITH KISSINGER WAS A CONFERENCE... IN WHICH NOTHING MORE WAS PLANNED THAN TO CARRY OUT A GENERAL REVIEW OF PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I THINK THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS WERE EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE FOR THE COLOMBIAN FORNMIN AS WELL AS FOR THE DEPT OF STATE..."

3. BOTH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT LIEVANO WAS RATHER RETICENT

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REGARDING HIS STOPOVER IN PANAMA, STATING ONLY THAT HE INFORMED

THE GOVT OF PANAMA AS TO THE CONTENT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE
DEPT OFFICIALS SINCE THE TOPICS WERE OF INTEREST TO PANAMA.
LIEVANO SIDESTEPED QUESTIONS REGARDING HIS RUMORED PANAMA MEETING
WITH CUBAN FORNMIN RAUL ROA.

4. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBOFF, FONOFF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
ERNESTO TORRES WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE ATTENTION AND TIME
ACCORDED TO LIEVANO BY THE SECY, PERHAPS REFLECTING LIEVANO'S
OWN REACTION. VAKY

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